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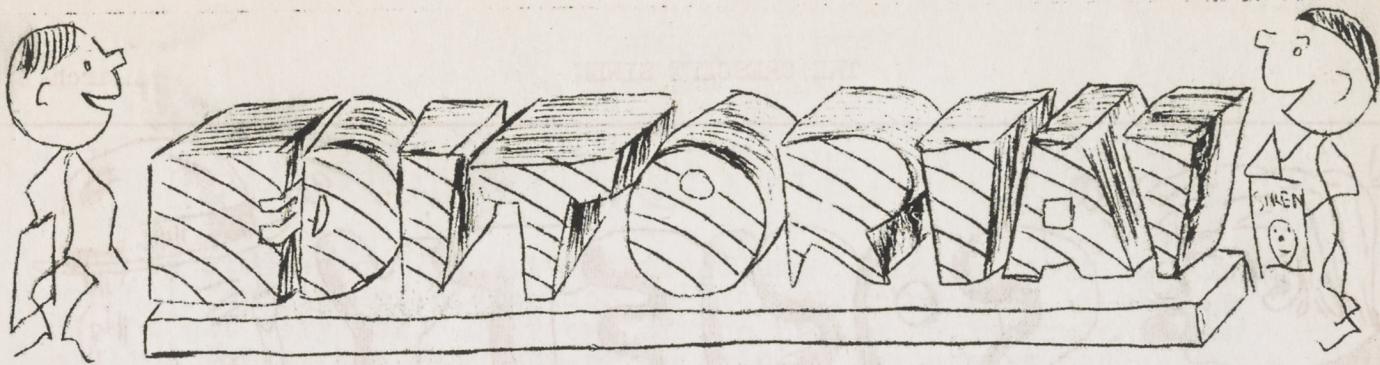
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STAFF.

This issue, a great percentage of the work is being done by Grade X and XI students. Doris McQuarrie has edited a page of scandal which does her credit. Norm Hollies and Bob Gray have dusted off some good jokes for you in the humor page. A prominent Grade X student, Allyn Causey has given us an excellent page. The printing is being done by Ian Morrison. Fred Holobow has helped very much with his typing.

There is a good reason why these students have been kept so busy. The next issue will be edited and published by Grade X and XI students only. The Grade Twelves will sit back and take it easy - but hold on - . The main reason that this is being done is so that they can study for the Easter exams. Another reason is that we realize that these others will soon be taking our places next year and as we want the paper to improve with time they need experience and training.

Be sure and get a Siren next month, it will be put out by Freshmen and Juniors, Allyn Cawsey will be editor, Bob Gray, manager. It's sure to be good.

IN OLD VIENNA!

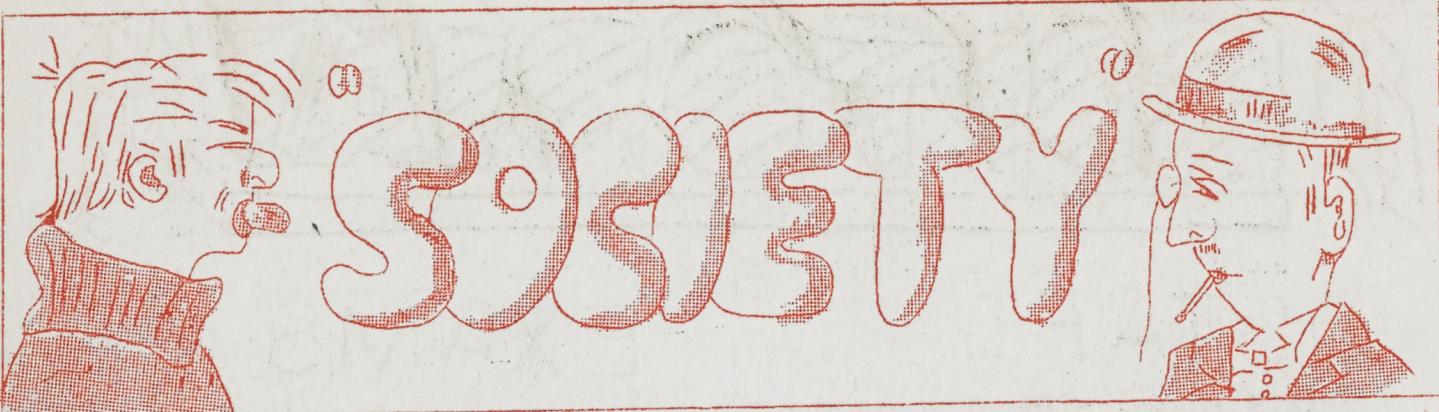
EXAMS.

To many of us, the shadow of Easter examinations is beginning to creep up. Every time we think of it we shudder and say 'Oh, well, there's lots of time', then wait till the night before and Cram. The teachers all tell us that the best way to study is to do a bit each night and to review what we have learned each day. This way is far more effective both from the points of view of learning and health.

By now, we should know our faults in exam writing. We may write too much and say too little. We may use spelling unknown to any dictionary. Handwriting, too, is something that we should take great care over.

We have been informed that Grade XII only will write the 'formal' two or two and a half hour tests. This is just for practice for the finals.

Everyday we hear new tales about the "fight on the third floor". This fight between Rooms 22, 23 and 25, 'grows as it goes'. This is not setting a very good example for the rest of the school and if it gets any more serious someone is liable to be hurt. Crescent prides itself on its school spirit but it wont look very good if the students start fighting among themselves. Lets forget petty grievances and set an example for others to follow.



PICKLES - - - -

The Choral Society presents its annual operetta, March 8 & 9, at Crescent Heights High School. The play chosen is "Pickles," a 3-act musical comedy. Under the very capable direction of Mr. Pickard and Mr. Bishop it is expected to be a great success.

The Operetta, written by Gordon Wilson and Dorm Crane with musical selections by Allan Benedict, takes place in Vienna in a very romantic setting. The chief characters are Americans, but the cast includes a number of gypsies and Viennese, adding local color and increasing the interest.

Those taking prominent parts are N. Hallis, S. Kennedy, G. Mc Gregor, P. Holosko, L. Cipson, C. Witcher, J. Griffiths, H. Shantz, D. Potter, and B. Brown. Mr. Pickard directs the Orchestra and Gwen Reeves is pianist.

The Girls' Association is managing the business and the stage manager is John Hickey. D. Potter is Pres. of the Choral Society.

Tickets will be on sale in the north end of the second floor every day at noon and at 4 from March 2 to 9. The price is: students, 15¢; adults, 25¢. RESERVE YOUR SEATS EARLY. BE SURE AND DO NOT MISS THE MAJOR EVENT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, for it promises to be very excellent entertainment. . .

The school wishes to express its sympathy for two of the students. Rory McLennan and Roy Nicholson, who, we are sorry to say, are now seriously ill with appendicitis. We desire to tell these fellows they are missed at CHHS; we hope they will soon be back on their feet and with us again.

The Boys' Hi-Y is surging ahead. They have decided to send 5 representatives to the Hi-Y Conference at Winnipeg. Money must be raised for this purpose so some function is being planned for the very near future. The school is requested to support this worthy cause.

On Monday, March 6, at 8 o'clock, in the Al Azhar Temple, W. J. Oliver will give a Travel Talk with slides, on his trip to Asia and Africa. This talk is being given to obtain funds for the Victorian Order of Nurses. It should prove very interesting and all students are urged to attend.

The Bible Study Groups of the city held a skating party Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Crystal Rink. At 9:30 they had refreshments in the Gym of the Mount Royal College. Some sixty people attended, everyone having a good time.

The Radio Club extends a cordial invitation to all interested in Radio work, whether they are experienced or not. It meets in the Museum Room, Fridays at 4 p.m. If you know nothing about Radio, come and learn; if you know plenty about it, go and teach them.

The Farads held a social Feb. 24, at which they and friends enjoyed a good time.

A bit of impromptu scandal:-

Say, Betty Copley, how does that \$50 Valentine agree with the Opera Laurie Cottrell took you to some time ago? Effie Mae must not hear of this-----step warily, Paderewski!!!

Do not forget "PICKLES" . . .

THE INQUIRING REPORTER.

We started out to write this column intending to find out the school's opinion of dissection in Biology. But that little idea didn't get very far. Only one of the people we interviewed was willing to let his name appear in print. The others had definite opinions, but would they let us print 'em? Probably one of our long-suffering teachers (God bless 'em) is right when he says he wonders if we do live in a democracy. Incidentally, the general opinion seems to be that there is nothing wrong in dissection.

Thanks to Phil Gifford, we eventually got a super colossal brainwave. "What do you think of Valentines?" suggested Phil.

And what some people think of Valentines we're afraid we can't print. (We have a censor!)

For instance, when we asked Gareth MacGregor what he thought of Valentines, my, my, such language!

"Valentines? They're --- They're -- screwy! I wouldn't have anything to do with them! I- "etc. etc.

Of course, when we see Valentines advertised at \$7.50 each, we can understand why a man with Mac in front of his name doesn't like the idea. But, Gareth, you can get some in Woolworths at three for a nickel. Even a Scotchman shouldn't mind that! But you can never tell.

When we asked Ernie Burchell what he thought of Valentines this is what we got as his opinion.

"Nothing. I never got any!"

We understand, Burchell, 'cause we didn't get any either, at least not this time.

Now that Mr. Campbell doesn't teach here any more, we reckon its safe to tell this one.

Did you know that on February 14, 1938, somebody, (of course we wouldn't know who) sent Mr. Campbell a valentine on which were these words, surrounded by hearts and arrows, as usual:

"Roses are red
Violets are blue
The fizz on a soda
Is CO₂,

And in closing, here is what Bob Clements knows about Valentines:

And that is probable what he knows about a lot of other things. No offence meant, Bob.

Till next time - Au revoir!

PPPP

On February 23, the editor received a mysterious type-written letter in the mail, signed a 'Hopeful Lover'. In it was a request that the following poem be printed in the Siren so that his girl may see it. The only clues given say that his name has appeared in the Scandal and that he is a prominent member of the school, and though many girls have fallen for him he has remained unmoved until now. He has been afraid to tell her all about it. To quote the letter 'Maybe if she sees this in print she will like me better. I beg you to print it. It may mean the difference between a broken-hearted man and the happiest man in the world!'

Here goes:

'I'm a fool (and don't I know it)
I love a girl, but I can't show it,
I say I hate her, I say she's a droup,
But when I see her my heart does a loop.
She's baeutiful, she's grand,
I want to kiss her or hold her hand,
She's tall she's fair,
With curly hair, her eyes are very blue,
She's my big moment (and don't I know it)
Oh, but I'm a fool! ' * *

If anyone knows the identity of this mysterious letter-writer, please tell us about it. Our curiosity is very great. If this was sent in jest, thanks for filling up space, if in sincerity, good luck and may she be next to you at the Operetta.

Many of you probably noticed that Miss Evelyn Allan, a graduate of Crescent Heights, was chosen to be a stewardess by Trans-Canada Air Lines. Miss Allan was selected from among three hundred other applicants for the job. At present she is in Winnipeg taking a course in the duties which she is to perform. Congratulations!

PICTURES

A wave of suppressed excitement has been around the third floor students during the past month. The reason-- the grade twelves have been getting their photographs for the graduation picture and the Bugle.

The were vieing with the girls for first class honours of conceit. It was always thought that girls were vainer than boys, but after the remarks heard about the school, one is apt to doubt that supposition. Several boys have said, "Oh, I'm going to have my picture retaken. I don't like my hair in it. It looks terrible." This was always thought to be reserved for the girls.

Some went to the studio hopeful and unafraid, while others (the majority) feel rather qualmy about it. Most of the victims, however, boys and girls alike, feel very self-conscious sitting before the discerning eye of the camera with just so many degrees of smile. They would rather be any other place. One benefit, of course, in getting the pictures taken is the great facility with which one could skip a period or more with a perfectly legitimate excuse.

"Have you got your proofs yet? Mine are simply foul," seem to have been the remarks of the moment. There was a great variety of results and a great variety of opinions expressed. The majority were not satisfied, while a few were absolutely happy with not one criticism to make. The remarks passed were very interesting ranging all the way from eye-lashes to shadows. No matter what the result in future years we will proudly back to Alma Mater and see our pictures among the graduates of 1938-39.

Thus ends picture-taking for another year.

OFFICE



"The Humor Editor" has a hard time trying
to concentrate on new "JOKES"

Extra short, short, short, short story.

Scene: Rm. 24, anytime, anyday.

Characters: Margaret (Joy) Copley and Sammy (Sarcasm) Skilling, also yours truly listening in.

Lights! Action! Camera!

Marg. What day is it?

Sam. It was Monday when I woke up this morning - it might be Friday for all I know now.

Marg. (Thoroughly squelched) Oh-h-h-D-Did we have any homework?

Sam. Why? Who wants to know? Yeah maybe we had some, who knows?

Marg. (sweetly) What time is it?

Sam. I dunno maybe I lost my watch or maybe I left it at your house if I ever had one, of course I wouldn't know.

Marg. What time did you get home last night?

Sam. I dunno, kinda late, Ma was waiting up for me. She gets worried these days, you know, when I start getting in after ten-thirty.

(This continues indefinitely.) Ain't it a cute example of Sammy's sarcasm. Oh well, as usual Sammy Skilling me - (get it?)

Did you Know - We have a smart girl here at C.H.C.I. (Believe it or not) She went to Western with a guy from Crescent and went home wearing a Central ring. Oh Boy. By the way, her name is Hazel Neilson, His - who knows?

Crescent Siren

HUMOR AT ITS LOWEST EBB

WHO DONE IT ---- ?

The teacher fumed
 The class looked blue
 And every one was puzzled too
 They wondered who had done the deed.
 The question when asked
 Was answered at last
 By a boy whose courage outdid his wit
 And prompted him to bravely say:
 "I stuck the gum on your seat to-day."

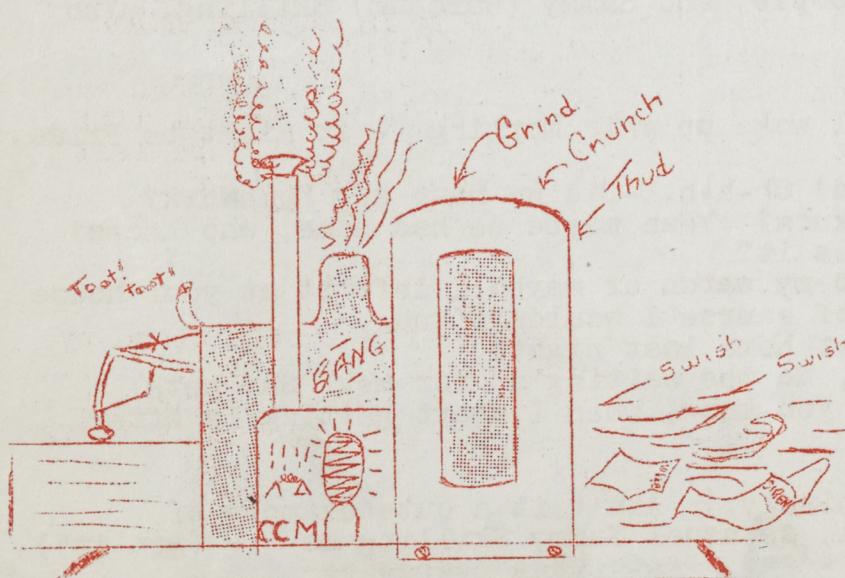
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CONSOLATION

Don't worry if your marks are low,
 And your successes few.
 Remember that the teacher
 Was once a dunce like you.

IN REFERENCE TO THIS POEM

--- All names mentioned in this poem are entirely fictitious and any similarity to living persons or places is entirely coincidental.



THE SIREN BOILER FACTORY (Our Printers Impression)

B. Gray

CRIME DOESN'T PAY (?)

CHAPTER 1 - Thought

Little boy
 Name Roy
 School go
 No no
 Deaide
 To hide
 In short
 Not report
 That is
 School miss.

CHAPTER 2 - Action

One day
 In May
 Walk to
 Town do
 Show see
 Fine spree
 All well
 To tell
 Teacher next
 Sick text.

CHAPTER 3 - Discovery

Roy seems
 Well, beams
 Teacher wonder
 What assunder
 Teacher phone
 Roy's home
 Ask ma
 Tra la la
 You guess
 Who went west.

CHAPTER 4 - Retribution

Sad now
 Roy vow
 Never more
 Skip, for
 Seat rend
 The end.

(The solution to this
 puzzle will be given

in a later issue ----much later)

TOWN NEWS

Crescent Street

Always
Fresh

WEATHER

WE regret to inform you that the town thermometer ended its days this morning. It was so cold that the mercury froze, shrunk and finally disappeared. The donation of a new thermometer will be greatly received. Until then we tearfully leave you to guess how cold cold it is.

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TRAGIC ENDING

Word was received early today that Pete Jones of 3217904 Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, died while laughing heartily at the following pun ----QUOTE

"Many are poor, but
chauffeur are rich"

UNQUOTE----The strain was too much for his heart and it gave out.

Mr. Jones was 44 and worked in Johnson Glue Factory which is now a part of Sewer and Liquor Corporation. He is survived by his third wife and 23 children.

It is asked By Monsieur Gip, Mr. Jones' lawyer, that the heir to Mr. Jones' fortune (12 kegs of beer), please line up at Strong Breweries in Fort Saskatchewan.

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\$DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Not only has the town thermometer gone west but the town barometer also has kicked the bucket. Oh ! for a little warm weather again.

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SOCIETY

Editors and typist of this leave town now.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED ---- Young kid, small, doesn't eat much, doesn't swear, is able to walk in a straight line after a days work, doesn't play the bagpipes, has never seen Town News, in general anyone. APPLY . Sandwitch Zoo Counter Wages (maybe, perhaps, no doubt, none at all).

FOR SALE ---- 2 ton elephant Small, shy, winks, eats (lots), will come when you call him. APPLY at the Town Drugstore (We sell Dr. Hacksons' Hit, Run, and Drive Yourself MEDICINE.

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OUR STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS

LATIN --- ?.5
FRENCH -- !.2
ART ----- ?.!

CHEMISTRY and PHYSICS are rising due to explosions and hot air, but a fall is expected immediately in ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

As we expected, ALGEBRA and GEOMETRY have hit an all time low so heretofor will be left out of these quotations.

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SCANDAL

That pretty little blond by the name of.....of..... (Gee !, I'm scared. I guess I better get her permission before I put this in.)

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GREETINGS

Since it is unlikely that Town News will be printed again the editors join in wishing you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SPORTS.

HOCKEY

Seniors lose to Saints
Fail to make Playoff Berth

Monday, Feb. 13, the Crescent Senior Hockey team lost to St. Mary's squad 4-3. The game was a slugging contest rather than a hockey game. Neither team had any combination or finish around the net. Maisey headed the Crescent scores with 2 goals, with Adams getting the other. Swart, Spec, and Harvey missed scoring opportunities but on the whole Crescent had the best of the surface play. Eaton played goal for Crescent in the first period but had to retire due to a head injury suffered in a juvenile contest, and Cran played the rest of the game, turning in a fine performance.

Lineup: Eaton, Cran, Graham, Adams, Barnes, Spec, Swart, Maisey, Harvey, Smith, Welch, Harris. . . .

JUNIORS TIE WESTERN 4-4

Western & Crescent failed to declare a winner in the first playoff game with Western. It was a fast game, ending with a free-for-all. Pargeter headed the Crescent scoring list, while Gordon and Smith counted for Western.

Lineup: Cameron, Banks, Maisey, Pargeter, Reid, Grant, Fraser, Harris, MacIver, Jones, P. Stevens, K. Stevens, Jacobs, and Kendrick. . . .

JUNIORS DEFEATED 7-1

At the Arena Saturday morning Crescent's playoff chances failed badly, being defeated by the Western Junior team 7-1. The play was not as one-sided as the score indicates, as Crescent missed many scoring opportunities. Harris counted our one goal. Lineup: Cameron, Fraser, Grant, Harris, MacIver, Pargeter, Jones, Reid,

P. Stevens, K. Stevens, Jacobs, and Kendrick. . . .

SPORT-O-SCOPE

TOUGH LUCK Crescent Boys' Basketball team still maintains its record in the school league despite tough luck. Bert Paxton, Joe Altilio and Neil Cameron are ineligible due to Western's new rule. This loss is a tough blow to Crescent. Because of illness Rory MacLennan is also eliminated; we lose a star player, so we wish him a speedy recovery.

SENIORS ELIMINATED Crescent Senior Hockey Team was eliminated from a playoff position by a 4-3 setback by the Saints. Altho in reality they won an important game, defeating Central 9-2, they lost the game by default due to using an ineligible player. It appears that this one player won the game!!! Crescent should have had a playoff berth. . .

LETTERMEN The Boys' Athletic Assn. is giving a letter to boys prominent in Sports. Points will be given for each sport, and also for prominence in the sport. When one attains his quota he receives a Letter. The Letter will be a large, chenile "C"; and any sportsman should be proud to wear it. . .

DO YOU KNOW that Ester Frank recently won the Junior Ladies' Consolation Badminton Tournament for the city? that there is to be an inter-school Badminton Tournament?

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IF YOU CANNOT BE A SPORTSMAN, BE A SPORT. . . .

LETTERMEN

PROPOSED PLAN

The Students Council has decided to award LETTERS to about ten third year students who, during their high school career have made outstanding contributions to the life of the school. These students shall be known as LETTERMEN. The selection will be based on proficiency in: Athletics, Extra-Curricular Activities, Scholarship and Personality.

ATHLETICS

	Championship	Team
1. Rugby	7	5
2. Hockey	7	5
3. Basketball (Sch. Team)	7	5 (H. League will receive the same)
4. Field Sports	7	
5. Boys' Badminton	4	
6. Tumbling	3	
7. Boxing	3	
8. Girls Basketball Sch. Team	9	7 (H. League will receive the same.)
9. Girls' Track	9	7
10. Girls' Badminton	9	7

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. (A student may receive marks on any 4 of the following.)

- 1-7 points will be given for each of the following: Siren, Bugle, Choral, Boys Hi-Y, Dramatic, Boys or Girls Ass., Orchestra.
- 2-5 points will be given for the Current Events Club.
- 3-4 points will be allotted for each of the following : DEBATING; ART and TRAVEL.
- 3-4 points will be given for the following: RADIO; CHESS; G. and B. BIBLE STUDY GROUPS.

SCHOLARSHIP.

Points will be awarded on GRADE XII subjects, the student choosing the six on which he wishes to be marked. The marks will be given on the 1st four bi-monthly reports of the GRADE XII term. Rating will be as follows:

H.....1 point (A maximum of 25 marks with a bonus of
A.....3/4 " one for any one receiving more than half
B.....2 " of the total marks.)

Anything below 'B' standing will not receive any points.

PERSONALITY

This will be decided by giving a maximum of 15 points to be fixed by popular vote among the student body and a maximum of 10 points to be assigned by the staff of teachers.

N.B.

1. THESE POINTS ARE TO BE REGARDED AS A MAXIMUM AND ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE OUTSTANDING IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS WILL RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM MARK.
2. POINTS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SEVEN MAY BE APPLIED FOR FOR ANY OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION.
3. ALL POINTS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION BY A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS APPOINTED BY THE STUDENTS COUNCIL.

This is not official and has not been passed by the Students Council. Any errors or changes should be taken to any member of the council.

SCANDAL Sees ALL C.H.C. Gossip! SCANDAL Hears All

A VALENTINE FOR BETTY

We know that Betty Lovatt received a great big Valentine on February 14. At the bottom we had a glimpse of "To one I love!" Where did it come from? Ask Basil Higgins.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY-

AMONG OUR FRESHIES

Why does Elbow Park interest Betty Graham?

Who is it that Marjorie Carmichael has her eye on? Could it be Tom Hayward?

Who was the "red-head" who gave a certain "Nick" a Valentine? Barbara Richardson might know.

What has the Central basket-ball team got that Crescent hasn't? Marion Edmond would say "Lorne Robert

THIS WEEK'S POEM

AN ODE TO CARTER

Alf Carter once patiently sat, Composing a tune in "D" flat; He thought it absurd, For those who had heard, To ask who had trod on the cat!

Miscellaneous

Bill Jamison thinks Dramatics is a ducky subject. We discovered it was only because of Dorothy Chitner.

Mildred Shindler considers Lloyd Hughes as just about right.

Dorothy Gothard and Walter Shirley seem to enjoy each other's company. Gosh! Do you think their hearts will stand it?

A BIT OF EAVESDROPPING

It was overheard at the P.T. demonstration that Neil Cameron is all set to rush Hazel MacDonald. Watch those big feet Neil!

WE WONDER

Walt Brown wants to know what in tarnation is the matter with Betty Wooley, because she won't go out with him. Stick around Walt. Women don't know what they want.

THIS WEEK'S CARTOON



Doug Sparrow's blush when Mary Lick is mentioned.

ALSO WONDERING

If Mary Dombeski is as punctual for her dates with Ray Nc Knight as she is with Ernie NaybR.

MY - OH - MY

We were inclined to think Martin Allred was a regular old woman hater but imagine our surprise when we learned that he had been seeing a lot of Jean Crist lately.

**DON'T FORGET
"IN OLD VIENNA"
MAKE a Date.**

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN"

Dear Auntie No-all,

Who is the boy who made a \$5.00 bet that he and Betty Simpson would still be going around together on Feb. 14. 1940...?????

Yours sincerely,
"THE BOYS OF THE BARBER SHOP "

Dear Boys;

The gentleman to whom you refer is Jimmy Caswell..Feb. 14 1940 seems a long was away!

Love,
Auntie.

Dear Auntie,

I like a boy, Doug. McLellan, very much but is he true to me?

Yours,
Marion Edmunds.

Dear Marion;

I think you better ask Doug, who that girl was that he spent two... may be two and a half hours talking to in the "wool section" of the Hudson Bay.

AS EVER,
Auntie No-all.

Dear Auntie,

Why does Wilma McVeigh spend so much time in our room?
-The Studes of Room 24.

Dear Sudes, Studes, etc.

Wilma has her eye on that heart-throb Bill Taylor.
Auntie.

p.s. this is a very confidential secret so don't spread it around.

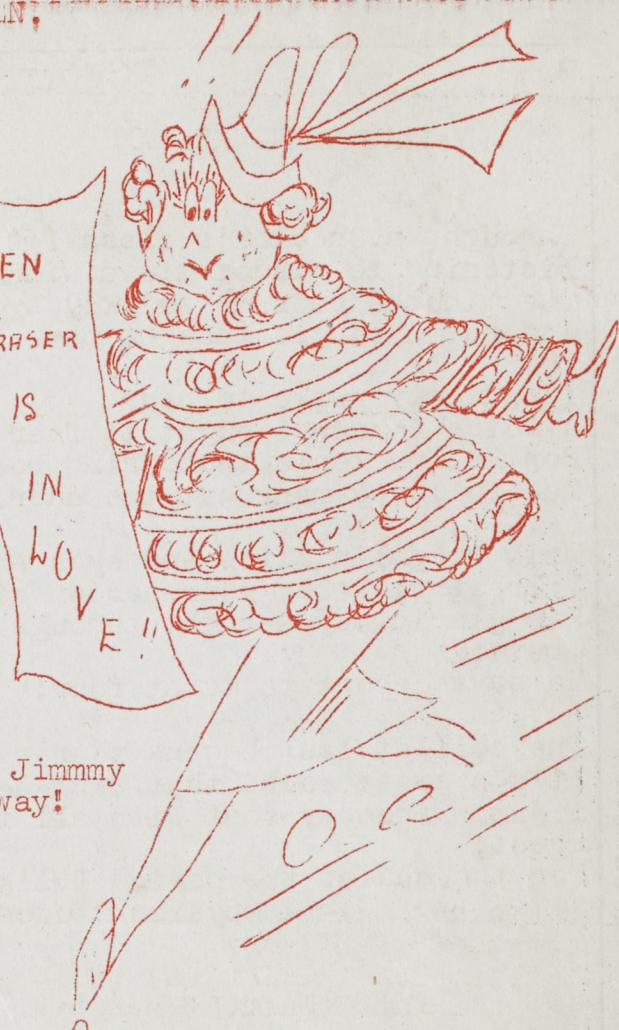
Dearest of the ants,

I like a girl very much but she is very shy. How can I make a hit?
Waiting,

Jim Spencer.

Dear Jim,

Anna Marie Smith isn't shy-----maybe you didn't wink hard enough.
Helpful to the last,
Auntie of the ants.
Just plain "No-all".



MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT

Through Mr. Brecken's class I sit,
Listening to wisdom mixed with wit.
The minutes pass me quickly by,
And not a single thought have I.

I suddenly awake to hear
A voice I know I ought to fear
For Mr. Brecken's thundering roar,
Has followed many out the door.

With trembling lips and eyes a blur,
I breathe, "I beg your pardon sir."
His glaring eyes right through me
bore;
He says "Report to me at four!"

The bell at last begins to ring,
It's a sweet sound, that ding-a-ling,
I jump from my seat with all the
rest,
For the end of the period I like best

- A Physics Student.

STUDENT MAXIMS

When homework piles up high each
night,
And you cannot o'ercome your plight,
Just say, "Oh shucks I'll say I've
tried"-
A good excuse is a student's pride.

To spend the time how 'bout a date?
You'll do all right to stay out late
With other studes, of higher rank-
Let co-education be your plank.

Then in the classes you can brag,
That you've been out to learn the
shag,
It will sure upset some people's
minds-
But get your fun between the grinds.

From nine till twelve, then two till
four,
Is time enough a snore,
So make the most of every day-
And pass the hours in a happy way.

-Peter Kobewka.

WHY STUDY

The more you study the more you know,
The more you know, the more you forget
The more you forget, the less you
know,
So why study?

The less you study, the less you know,
The less you know, the less you forget
The less you forget, the more you know
So why study?

"There is no particular in which
my correspondents of all ages, conditions,
sexes and complexions, universally
agree, except only in their
thirst for scandal. It is impossible
to conceive, how many have recommended
their neighbours to me on that account,
or how unmercifully I have been
abused by several unknown hands, for
not publishing the secret histories
that I have received from almost every
street in town."

-Richard Steele, Tatler 164.
Yes, human nature hasn't changed much
since 1712.

They had been sitting in the
swing in the moonlight alone. No word
broke the stillness for half an hour,
until

"Suppose you had money," she said
"what would you do?"

He threw out his chest in all
the glory of young manhood: "I'd
travel!"

He felt her warm, young hand slide
into his. When he looked up she
was gone. In his hand was an nickel.

MODERN VERSE

Little cat crying
Alone in the dark;
Here in the barn, in the dark-alone.
Hunting her kittens amongst the hay,
Calling in such a motherly way,
Using a pitiful, anxious tone...
Poor little cat
in the dark

-ALONE.
E. Fraser.